

## ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature gives notice of the possible use of plenary powers by the Commission in suppression of the name *Anas punctata* Burchell, 1822. Further information on the matter may be obtained in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*, vol. 30, part 3/4, 1974. Comments regarding this case (no. 794) should be sent in duplicate to the Secretary, c/o The British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW 7 5 BD, England, as soon as possible.

### PACIFIC SEABIRD GROUP

This Group has been formed with the "primary function to increase the flow of information among persons interested in Pacific seabirds. . . . The Group will provide coordination and stimulation of the field activities of its members rather than initiating any field programs of its own. For the time being, at least, the Group will be primarily concerned with the west coast of North America and adjacent areas of the Pacific." At present, working committees are concerned with coordination of activities in: colony censusing, beached bird surveys and disasters, and pelagic observations and sea-watches. The Group is further active in seabird conservation and policy statements. *Pacific Seabird Group Bulletin*, Vol. 1, No. 1, was issued in January 1974. The regional reports (from Alaska to Mexico) list studies under way as follows: Alaska 19, British Columbia 22, Washington 8, Oregon 7, California 35, and Hawaii 2. Conservation policy statements are published concerning "Seabird conservation in the Gulf of California" and "Alaska oil and seabirds." A book review, sundry news items, and membership list, with research topics of the 152 charter members complete this issue. The *Bulletin* is planned to be issued semiannually (January and September) by the Secretary, George J. Divoky, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1412 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

### NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS

Authors are reminded that all manuscripts should now be sent to Dr. Jerome A. Jackson, Department of Zoology, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi 39762. In addition, it should be noted that Dr. Robert J. Raikow will be the Review Editor for 1975.